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Jos and I got into a discussion of where to get more documents.

I had suggested e-bay and several commercial military outlets,
then wondered where the manuals from the Italian Nike sites were going -

Jos replied

The Nike systems in Europe were introduced under the so called MAP program (Military Assistance Program, kind of Marshall plan after the war). I guess this is also true for the Italian systems. The system was owned by the US government and the countries operated and maintained the system. This meant a.o. that all equipment had to be returned to the US after use (in most cases it was locally scrapped/destroyed under the supervision of US military).

I remember that in 'my Nike time' (1969-1972) the CDG (part of the AN/MSQ-18 system) was replaced by a modern system and this CDG had to be handed official back to the US. For this we needed to check all equipment and tools that was part of the inventory of the CDG. We even added new tools to make the list complete... (And after the turnover it was scrapped.) Bottom line the Italians do not have anything to say about the equipment. It is up to the US to say what happens with the equipment after use. This also includes documentation. The Italians are not allowed to hand over documentation to other parties without the permission of the US government. So if you want some of the documentation you might approach the US Army.

BTW Most likely the Italian system was updated through the years and lost some or all of the old 'analog' system that i worked on (>35 years ago).

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